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SUBJ: 14 JOURNALISTS CHARGED WITH VIOLATING STATE SECRETS

1. OCTOBER 24 PAPERS REPORT 13 EDITORS AND ONE REPORTER HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF ARTICLES 132 AND 136/1 OF TURKISH PENAL CODE AND WILL BE TRIED OCTOBER 31 BY ISTANBUL STATE SECURITY COURT.

2. THESE ARTICLES PROHIBIT PUBLICATION OR DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION WHICH SHOULD BE KEPT SECRET FOR THE SECURITY OF THE STATE.

3. SPECIFICALLY, THE FOURTEEN ARE CHARGED WITH HAVING PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPHS AND ARTICLES ABOUT CYPRUS OPERATION PREPARATIONS BEFORE THE OPERATION BEGAN.

4. THE PENALTIES BEING REQUESTED AGAINST THE 14 RANGE BETWEEN 5 AND 36 YEARS.

5. THOSE CHARGED ARE:

HASAN YILMAER, TURKISH NEWS AGENCY, MANAGING EDITOR

ERDOGAN KRAL, HABER AJANSI, MANAGING DIRECTOR

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HASAN FEHMI GURCAN, GUNAYDIN, EDITOR

BAHADIR YANIKAMEROGLU, GUNAYDIN, ANKARA BUREAU CHIEF
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EMIN GUNGOR CINAR, SON HAVADIS, EDITOR
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ILHAN TURALI, ISTANBUL, EDITOR
HASAN UNAL SAKMAN, TERCUMAN, EDITOR
ABBAS PARMAKSIZOGLU, HERGUN, EDITOR
MEHMET ALI YORUK, BIZIM ANADOLU, EDITOR
AYHAN OZER, ORTA DOGU, EDITOR
AYDIN UNSAL, AKSAN, EDITOR
ERUIN KONUKSEVER, GUNAYDIN, CORRESPONDENT

6 COMMENT: THE CHARGES AGAINST THE FOURTEEN
MARK THE FIRST TIME WE AWARE OF THAT THESE SECTIONS OF TURKISH
PENAL CODE HAVE BEEN USED AGAINST JOURNALISTS.
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